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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF AMCIT MORRIS

REF: BRASILIA 7625

1. ON THE BASIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION REPORTED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS INCLUSION OF FOLLOWING POINTS IN RESPONSES TO PRESS INQUIRIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT NOON BRIEFING, MONDAY, OCT 7.

A. PRIME USG CONCERNS IN THIS CASE HAVE BEEN THAT MORRIS RECEIVE GOOD TREATMENT, THAT THE CONSUL IN RECIFE HAVE FREQUENT ACCESS TO HIM, AND THAT HE BE GIVEN ANY NECESSARY MEDICAL ATTENTION.

B. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, FOLLOWING OUR PROTEST, THESE CONCERNS ARE NOW BEING MET. (NOTE: EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES, WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE THANKS FOR THEIR HAVING CEASED THEIR IMPROPER ACTIONS, SHOULD BE AVOIDED.) WE EXPECT THE CURRENT POSITIVE SITUATION TO CONTINUE. IN ANY CASE, THE DEPT IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE EMBASSY ON DEVELOPMENTS.

C. AT NO TIME HAVE WE ADDRESSED OURSELVES TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MERITS OF THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MORRIS. THEIR VALIDITY

PRESUMABLY WILL BE DETERMINED THROUGH THE BRAZILIAN LEGAL PROCESSES. OUR OVER-RIDING CONCERN, IN KEEPING WITH OUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE WELL-BEING OF US CITIZENS ABROAD, HAS BEEN TO ASSURE RESPECT FOR MORRIS' BASIC RIGHTS IN KEEPING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL NORMS.

2. IF A QUESTION ABOUT THE EFFECTS ON OVERALL US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS IS RAISED, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING REPLY: WE CONSIDER THE CASE A SERIOUS BUT ISOLATED ONE, WHICH SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE BROAD RELATIONSHIP. WE INTERPRET THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IN BRASILIA IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMARCHES AS INDICATING THAT IT DOES NOT CONDONE THE PROCEDURES THAT HAD BEEN FOLLOWED IN THE CASE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

3. IF THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT ANY CONNECTION OF MORRIS WITH USG INTELLIGENCE SERVICES (A POSSIBILITY THAT, TO JUDGE BY THE SUNDAY PRESS HERE, IS BEING PROPAGATED BY BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES), WE RECOMMEND THAT A CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF ANY CONNECTION WITH ANY USG AGENCY BE MADE.

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